

Professors' Views Differ On CIA Role

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Ever since "Ramparts", a magazine of the New Left, disclosed the CIA subsidies of student groups, such as the National Student Association (NSA), controversy has flared over whether or not academic freedom has been compromised.

NSA, the largest of these groups,

has over 300 branches at member universities and represents over 1.3 million American students. For the last 15 years the CIA has pumped over \$200,000 into NSA annually.

Reaction to CIA involvement was expressed by two UF professors, Dr. Merlin G. Cox, associate professor of Social Sciences and Dr. Marshall Jones, assistant professor of Psychology.

"The CIA would have been justified," Dr. Cox said, "if they would have operated publicly." Cox felt the CIA was accustomed to "closed-door procedures" but that it was a mistake to apply these techniques to student organizations.

Cox also considered the CIA as "too independent." He said the foreign policy makers and congress should exercise more control over the agency's actions. "The most serious infringement is on the right of privacy," he said.

Liberal campus critic, Jones, said, "There is no justification for the CIA's activities; subsidies are unnecessary and damaging to groups like NSA if they are to authentically represent American students."

"All agencies fund trips to Eur-

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pe," he said, "but they should be as professionals not spies."

Dr. Jones was pleased, however, with the American public. "I am pleased that people are upset," he said. Jones explained similar kinds of revelations by the New York Times had met with no response because Americans were so immersed in cold war thinking.

Commenting on a recent statement by former Senator Barry Goldwater that the CIA was only funding left wing groups like NSA, Jones said, "Right wing groups have no place over seas."

Former members of the CIA on the faculty were contacted but they refused to comment because they had signed CIA papers forbidding them to give information.

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Letters to the Editor

ANTI-BIRCHER OFFERS ANSWERS TO CRITICS

Dear Editor—

Your Mrs. Merriam writes objecting to anyone exposing the lies put out by the Birch Society, its founder Welch, and the radical right. Your newspaper or a book couldn't carry half of them so let us run down just one of the latest as an example of the "big lie" technique of the lunatic right, to defeat a liberal program. You can't argue with a Bircher. The members subscribe to Welch's espousal of his principle of reversal: in the conspiracy of history things are never what they seem, and are often the opposite. What can you do?

It was Senator Lee Metcalf (D-Mont.) who exposed the latest: A supposed statement by Nikita Khrushchev that goes like this: "We cannot expect Americans to jump from capitalism to communism, but we will assist their elected leaders in giving Americans small doses of socialism, until they suddenly awake to find they have communism."

Metcalf's investigation has turned up overwhelming evidence that the statement is a complete and absolute lie. The Library of Congress told the senator an internal search of Soviet records revealed no such quotation. He asked the same questions of the Senate Internal Security Committee. The FBI replied to his inquiry that there was no record that the quotation was authentic. The Central Intelligence Agency said that the best of our knowledge, the quotation is spurious.

Metcalf's findings to the public, including that there is no such statement, is a greater service to the people than any other. The people are not to be misled by the propaganda of the Communist Party.

The Congressional Record is a valuable source of information. It is a record of the proceedings of the Congress. It is a record of the speeches of the members of the Congress. It is a record of the debates of the Congress. It is a record of the actions of the Congress. It is a record of the history of the Congress.

pressures never made, and the deletion of statements they did make. Now you, Mrs. Merriam and Coast Federal Savings & Loan Assn. of L. A. (who spend four per cent of their net income before taxes on radical right literature) tell us where and when Khrushchev said this. I am sure the Senator, the Library of Congress, the Senate Internal Security Committee, the FBI and the Central Intelligence Agency would like to know.

The statement attributed to Khrushchev defeats itself. To conclude that socialism is the first step in a two-step development of Communism is contrary to fact. The Communists have never been successful in a country with a socialist government. They thrive where promoted, underprivileged exist.

By all means your readers should read Welch's Blue Book to find "the purpose as officially stated will be to promote less government, more responsibility, and a better world." Among this do goodness we note "promote less government." Ah yes. They will find a nostalgia in his writings for the great period as he calls it from 1815 to 1912, with little government. But no mention of the ugly sweat shops, John D. Rockefeller, the Triangle Shirtwaist fire, the Pullman Strike, the 72-hour week, the county poor house, child labor, or any of the other quaint fruits of that bygone Eden. And no income tax for the wealthy of course. The fools don't know it's those conditions that make Communism.

Your readers should surely read the full, repeat full, report of Attorney General Mosk on the John Birch Society in California, that the daily press only printed a fraction. It can be obtained for free from the Attorney General's Office. The brilliant analysis of paranoia is worth the effort to obtain it.

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